Software Accelerates Computing Time for Complex Math



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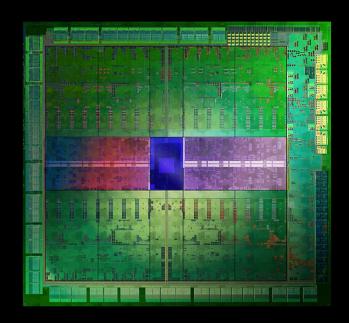
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NASA Technology

- Scientists at the Space Agency use supercomputers to calculate large algorithms based on linear algebra that are used in setting up climate models
- Scientists using regular computers, which lack the processing power of supercomputers, often must wait far longer for algorithms to be calculated

Technology Transfer

- Through Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) funding, EM Photonics utilized graphics processing unit (GPU) technology, originally used to run video game graphics, and programmed it to perform scientific computing
- The company commercialized the technology as CULA tools, which can compute the industrystandard LAPACK library of linear algebra equations



Benefits

- EM Photonics offers CULA software for both dense and sparse computations
- CULA's simplified interface makes it far simpler for scientists to set up computations
- In some cases, processing times can be reduced by more than 100-fold